

2013 Senate Joint Resolution 71

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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** proclaiming June as Pelvic Organ Prolapse Awareness Month.

Whereas, there is little awareness of pelvic organ prolapse; and

Whereas, there has been no formal government initiative to shift awareness of pelvic organ prolapse; and

Whereas, half of women who give birth vaginally experience pelvic organ prolapse; and

Whereas, half of women in menopause experience pelvic organ prolapse; and

Whereas, there is currently no standard screening protocol for pelvic organ prolapse during routine pelvic exams; and

Whereas, pelvic organ prolapse has remained shrouded in silence despite being on medical record for over four thousand years, in the Kahun Gynaecological Papyrus of 1835 B.C.; and

Whereas, women with pelvic organ prolapse are impacted physically, emotionally, socially, and sexually, as well as within fitness and employment dynamics; and

Whereas, the stigma of embarrassing symptoms currently makes it difficult for women to reveal those symptoms to health care practitioners; and

Whereas, awareness and screening have the potential to shift the impact of pelvic floor health balance in the lives of all women regarding stigma and access to early diagnosis and treatment, as well as establish educational paths and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature join our colleagues in Congress by proclaiming June as Pelvic Organ Prolapse Awareness Month.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk